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1. NAG CHAUDHURI AND DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DOST) ADVISED OF US MEMBERS TO S&T JOINT SUBCOMMISSION ON JANUARY 17.

2. ROGER REVELLE ALSO NOTIFIED OF HIS SELECTION AS MEMBER OF JOINT S&T SUBCOMMISSION. HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED AND LEFT DELHI FOR THE US ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, HE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 OR 21.

3. THE INFORMAL LIST OF US MEMBERS IS IMPRESSIVE. WE ASSUME FINAL US LIST WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FOR THE HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES. THE INDIAN SIDE IS SOMEWHAT DISTURBED AT THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A MEMBER SINCE THEY ARE SENDING THEIR ADDITIONAL SECRETARY MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE S&T SUBCOMMISSION AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH AS

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH ADHSOR TO THE INDIAN DELEGATION.

THEY REGARD THIS AREA AS A CRITICAL ONE FOR COOPERATION. THERE ARE ALSO THREE OR FOUR BIOMEDICAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST MEETING. FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR AREA OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND INDIA AND BOTH SIDES HAVE HIGHLY BENEFITTED BECAUSE OF THE ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC WORK BEING ACCOMPLISHED ON BOTH SIDES AND HAVE IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF RESEARCH FIELDS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. (SEE REFTELS D. AND E.) THE U. S. SURGEON GENERAL'S VISIT LAST APRIL ADDED CONSIDERABLY TO THE INTEREST ON THE INDIAN AND US SIDES FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION, WHICH IS EVIDENCE BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF US HEALTH SCIENTISTS VISITING INDIA IN THE PAST MONTHS FOR RESEARCH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND THE RECENT GOI POLICY OF RELAXING PREVIOUS RESTRICTIONS FOR NEW JOINT RESEARCH.

4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES, J. B. SHRIVASTAV, TOLD THE SCIENCE ATTACHE HE WAS CONFUSED ABOUT HIS OWN APPOINTMENT ON THE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION, SINCE HIS MAJOR INTERESTS ARE HEALTH DELIVERY AND RESEARCH. HE HAS NOT BEEN CONNECTED TO THE ACADEMIC SIDE OF MEDICINE FOR TWENTY YEARS. HOWEVER, IN AN APPARENT LAST MINUTE DECISION, THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH SELECTED THEIR OWN MAN, SHRIVASTAV, OVER RAMALINGASWAMI, DIRECTOR OF ALL-INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES.
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